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SUBJECT: DUTCH CABINET TO DISCUSS MARITIME PATROL AIRCRAFT
REPLACEMENT

REF: THE HAGUE 2343 (DTG 271019Z APR 78)

1. ACCORDING TO RECENT DUTCH PRESS REPORTS, THE DECISION ON
A REPLACEMENT FOR THE AGING NEPTUNE MARITIME PATROL AIRCRAFT
IS NOT LIKELY TO FAVOR THE US PRODUCT, THE LOCKHEED P-3C
ORION. THE REPORTS SAY THAT TWO OF THE THREE MEMBERS OF THE
COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MINISTRIES OF DEFENSE,
FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND ECONOMICS) DESIGNATED TO INVESTIGATE
THE PURCHASE OF 13 AIRCRAFT NOW FAVOR THE FRENCH BREQUET
ATLANTIQUE II. THE REPRESENTATIVES OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND
ECONOMICS ARE REPORTED TO PREFER THE MORE EXPENSIVE FRENCH
AIRCRAFT BECAUSE OF THE SIZABLE PACKAGE OF OFFSET ORDERS FOR
DUTCH AIRCRAT INDUSTRY IT IS SAID TO BRING WITH IT, BUT THE
MINISTRY OF DEFENSE REPRESENTATIVE IS REPORTED TO HAVE NOT YET MADE A
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CHOICE. HOWEVER, ADVOCATES OF THE ATLANTIQUE II ARE LETTING
IT BE KNOWN THAT MINISTER OF DEFENSE SCHOLTEN NOW FAVORS THE
FRENCH AIRCRAFT.

2. IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO PREDICT WHEN THE DUTCH GOVERNMENT
WILL FINALLY DECIDE ON THE ASW REPLACEMENT, ALTHOUGH THE
CABINET WILL DISCUSS THE MATTER JUNE16. WHILE THE BULK OF

PRESS REPORTS INDICATE THAT THE CABINET WILL DECIDE SOON, AND IN FAVOR OF THE ATLANTIQUE II, STATE SECRETARY FOR DEFENSE VAN EEKELEN TOLD EMBOFF JUNE 12 THAT NEGOTIATIONS FOR ASW REPLACEMENT MIGHT CONTINUE FOR A WHILE. THERE IS ALSO A REPORT IN THE JUNE 16 "ALGEMEEN DAGBLAD" THAT A PARIAMENTARY DEBATE ABOUT THE CHOICE WILL NOT BE HELD UNTIL AFTER THE SUMMER RECESS, WHICH ENDS AUGUST 27, NOTING THAT THE FRENCH HAVE NOT SET A DATE BY WHICH THE ORDER MUST BE PLACED.

3. WHETHER OR NOT THE CABINET MAKES A DECISION JUNE 16, THE CHANCES FOR THE P-3C ORION DO NOT LOOK BRIGHT, FOR THE MOMENT.
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